



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TRG  
Docket No: 355-00  
25 January 2001

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 23 January 2001. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 5 October 1994 at age 18. The record shows that you satisfactorily completed initial training and on 16 January 1995 you reported aboard USS DENVER (LPD 9). On 23 June 1995 you received nonjudicial punishment for disrespect, disobedience, insubordination and use of provoking speech or gestures.

The next month, on 24 July 1995, you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation because of problems adjusting to shipboard life. After an evaluation, which included psychiatric testing, you were found to have a personality disorder with antisocial traits. The psychologist noted that although you were not currently considered suicidal or homicidal, you were a potential risk to harm yourself or others. An administrative discharge was recommended.

The discharge processing documentation is not filed in your service record. However, it is clear that you were processed for discharge based on the diagnosed personality disorder. You were honorably discharged on 25 August 1995. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder and such a code is normally assigned where there is a finding that an individual was at risk to harm himself or others. The Board concluded that the psychiatric evaluation was sufficient to support the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director